

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. - 13. (cancelled)

14. (previously presented)     An active ingredient combination comprising  
(a) one or more of compounds selected from 2,3-dibenzylbutyrolactone and derivatives thereof, and  
(b) licochalcone A.

15. (previously presented)     The combination of claim 14, wherein licochalcone A is present as  
an aqueous extract of *Radix Glycyrrhizae inflatae*.

16. (previously presented)     The combination of claim 14, wherein a ratio of component (a) :  
component (b) is from 100:1 to 1:50.

17. (previously presented)     The combination of claim 16, wherein the ratio is from 80:1 to 1:10.

18. (previously presented)     The combination of claim 14, wherein component (a) comprises at  
least one of arctiin, arctigenin, prestegan B, matairesinol, tracheloside and trachelogenin.

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19. (previously presented) The combination of claim 14, wherein component (a) comprises arctiin.

20. (previously presented) A cosmetic or dermatological preparation comprising the combination of claim 14 and a cosmetically or dermatologically acceptable carrier.

21. (previously presented) The preparation of claim 20, wherein the preparation comprises from 0.01 % to 25 % by weight of component (a), based on a total weight of the preparation.

22. (previously presented) The preparation of claim 21, wherein the preparation comprises from 0.1 % to 20 % by weight of component (a).

23. (previously presented) The preparation of claim 21, wherein the preparation comprises from 1 % to 10 % by weight of component (a).

24. (previously presented) The preparation of claim 20, wherein the preparation comprises from 0.0001 % to 5 % by weight of licochalcone A, based on a total weight of the preparation.

25. (previously presented) The preparation of claim 24, wherein the preparation comprises from 0.001 % to 1 % by weight of licochalcone A.

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26. (previously presented) The preparation of claim 24, wherein the preparation comprises from 0.005 % to 0.15 % by weight of licochalcone A.

27. (previously presented) The preparation of claim 20, wherein the preparation further comprises

(c) one or more polyols.

28. (previously presented) The preparation of claim 27, wherein the preparation comprises from 0.001 % to 10 % by weight of component (c), based on a total weight of the preparation.

29. (previously presented) The preparation of claim 28, wherein the preparation comprises from 0.01 % to 5 % by weight of component (c).

30. (previously presented) The preparation of claim 29, wherein the preparation comprises from 0.05 % to 2 % by weight of component (c).

31. (withdrawn) The preparation of claim 28, wherein component (c) comprises butylene glycol.

32. (previously presented) A cosmetic or dermatological preparation comprising (a) from 0.01 % to 25 % by weight of one or more of compounds selected from 2,3-dibenzylbutyrolactone

and derivatives thereof and (b) from 0.0001 % to 5 % by weight of licochalcone A, based on a total weight of the preparation.

33. (previously presented) The preparation of claim 32, wherein the preparation comprises (a) from 1 % to 10 % by weight of one or more of compounds selected from 2,3-dibenzylbutyrolactone and derivatives thereof and (b) from 0.005 % to 1 % by weight of licochalcone A.

34. (previously presented) The preparation of claim 33, wherein the preparation comprises at least one of arctiin, arctigenin, prestegan B, matairesinol, tracheloside and trachelogenin.

35. (previously presented) The preparation of claim 33, wherein the preparation comprises arctiin.

36. (previously presented) The preparation of claim 33, wherein the preparation further comprises from 0.05 % to 10 % by weight of one or more polyols, based on a total weight of the preparation.

37. (previously presented) The preparation of claim 36, wherein the preparation comprises up to 2 % by weight of the one or more polyols.

38. (withdrawn)        The preparation of claim 36, wherein the one or more polyols comprise butylene glycol.

39. (currently amended)        A method of ~~preventing or~~ treating inflammatory skin conditions ~~or for protecting skin in cases of sensitively determined and dry skin~~, wherein the method comprises applying the preparation of claim 20 to skin.

40. (currently amended)        A method of ~~preventing or~~ treating symptoms of intrinsic or extrinsic skin aging and for ~~preventing or~~ treating harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation on skin, wherein the method comprises applying the preparation of claim 20 to skin.

41. (currently amended)        A method of ~~preventing or~~ treating pigment disorders of skin, wherein the method comprises applying the preparation of claim 20 to skin.

42. (previously presented)        A method of increasing ceramide biosynthesis, wherein the method comprises applying the preparation of claim 20 to skin.

43. (previously presented)        A method of enhancing the barrier function of skin, wherein the method comprises applying the preparation of claim 20 to skin.

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44. (cancelled)